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871 *Government Grants.* The basis of the grant was changed from one-third of approved expenditure to one-half of the teachers' salaries.

Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee was expanded from four to eight members and met six times to select scholarship holders for 1948 and for 1949. A noteworthy step forward was made with the despatch to England on scholarship of two male teachers on a one-year course, two others on a two-year handicraft course, whilst the Education Officer for the Colony began a one-year course at the London Institute of Education.

Education for Girls. Some progress beyond primary schooling was made in that a Standard V at Sheikh Othman and a Standard VI at Crater were opened, the latter as an incipient intermediate school and with a strong domestic bias.

875 874 Five Egyptian assistant teachers took the higher classes and the Egyptian Senior Mistress was in charge of teacher-training. Very satisfactory work was done in the class-room, and in the needlework and cookery sections. A display of work was given in April.

Teacher-Training. Considerable progress was made with the training of women teachers. Three girls successfully completed a two-year course whilst two others completed a one-year training course in the Omdurman Girls' Training College where they did well in view of the previous low educational standards of Aden. These five girls will make it possible to create new classes early in 1949. Four other girls started training locally, and two more were sent on a three-year course to Omdurman. It is noteworthy that all these girls showed a definite enthusiasm for their work and a high sense of duty, and they did much to popularise the profession.

Six youths from the Government Upper Secondary School were put into training for one year and all but one completed the course satisfactorily. Three are now teaching in Government primary schools and two returned to a grant-aided school. This training put an extra burden on the Principal, but the situation improved at the end of the year with the arrival of the British Education Officer in charge of teacher-training.

875 *Teachers.* Meetings were held monthly and varied between discussions of professional problems and demonstration lessons. Many teachers from grant-aided schools attended.

The number of volumes in the Teachers' Library rose from a few dozen to 448. It is now housed in the temporary premises of the Teachers' Club as being more easily accessible to the profession than at the Departmental Offices.

● 431 The bequest of Rs. 15,000 by an Indian citizen of Aden was allotted to the department for the creation of a club for all teachers, and building began towards the end of the year. An energetic committee was formed and meetings were held in temporary quarters at the Government Secondary School. This meeting-place for social and cultural purposes should mean a great deal to the profession.

A monthly Teachers' Journal began publication with a committee of teachers under the guidance of the Director of Education. It is issued free to teachers and contains news, articles and letters. The